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"NIGGER LOVERS" WALK WITH CHRIST IN NEW ORLEANS

In New Orleans on December 5, seventeen white students were the targets f taunts and eggs hurled at them by angry segregationists blockading William rantz School. "Nigger lovers! Nigger lovers!" was the cry of the boycotters. xcept for these 17, all white students were staying away from school because he Negro girl has been entered in the first grade by order of a Federal Court. he is among four little girls who are the first to cross the color line in Deep outh schools since they became segregated at the tum of the century.

It is too soon to tell whether these 7 white students are the vanguard of thers who will soon be going back to lasses, or whether this is only an pisode in a story fraught with con- nuing conflict.

For a time, only one white child was ttending Frantz School, which has a ormal enrollment of 1,000. She was amela Lynn Foreman, who was ac- ompanied to kindergarten each morning y her father, Methodist clergyman loyd A. Foreman. "If it hadn't been or that nigger-lover," one segregation- st said, after a communion service con- ucted by Mr. Foreman on Dec. 4, "we ould have won our fight."

Soon Mr. Foreman was joined by nother parent, Mrs. Orlando Gabrielle. t was not easy. In the face of the jeer- ng mob, she recited to herself the wenty-third Psalm and felt compas- ion for her tormentors. Twice, police- nen intervened to prevent Mrs. Gab- ielle from being dragged to the ground s she made the eight-block walk to school with her 6-year-old daughter, olanda. An unidentified Baptist minis- er began accompanying his two young- sters, and Mr. Foreman began taking two other boys. And then more came.

Whatever course events may follow, the first victory has been won -- a vic- tory of the spirit of love and peace over the forces of hate and discord. A plaque that hangs on the wall in Mrs. Gab- rielle's home explains it: "If we walk with Christ in the sunshine, He will walk with us in the shadows."

Elsewhere in New Orleans, the Bunch Club, the oldest Negro organization participating in the famed Mardi Gras, announced that it would forego the car- nival next spring and spend its funds on "positive social action."

A Roman Catholic order, the Jo- sephite Fathers, were among many groups that issued appeals. "We have become a city of violence, hatred and disobedi- ence," they said. "You can change this if you have the courage to stand with Christ -- the courage to practice love and tolerance."

The example given by a lone Chris- tian has already shown the way to a small but growing number. As we look in hope toward Christmas, may millions find the star that guided him.

"The great promise of Christmas: peace in the world, peace in our fami- es, peace in our hearts is for all those who will open their lives to the true light."
--Dr. W.A. Visser't Hooft, General Secretary, World Council of Churches

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Eight Join Transcontinental Peace Walk; Nine Arrested for Submarine Protest

Eight persons set out from San Francisco on Dec. 1 on the first leg of a 6,500-mile peace walk to Moscow. The project, intended to spread the message of unilateral disarmament, is being sponsored by the Committee for Nonviolent Action. Persons interested in joining the walk should write CNVA, 158 Grand St., New York 13, N. Y.

At the Groton, Conn., shipyard last month, nine members of Polaris Action were arrested for attempting to obstruct the launching of the Ethan Allen, the Navy's biggest missile-firing submarine. Two of the group, FOR members Donald Martin and Henry Lodi, swam out and boarded the submarine on the Thames River. The other seven, including one woman, were apprehended by Coast Guardsmen when they attempted to sail into the path of the launching in two rowboats and a canoe. All nine were detained after failing to post bond in the U. S. District Court in New Haven.

Jacksonville Ordered to Integrate; Sit-ins Successful in Atlanta

A Jacksonville, Fla., District Court judge announced on Dec. 2 that he would order the city to desegregate all its public recreational facilities including a new sports coliseum. He said he would issue the order in the near future and that the city would be given thirty days from then to comply or close the facilities.

Meanwhile, in Atlanta, Ga., sit-in demonstrators were served without incident among white diners at a local YWCA public cafeteria on Nov. 30. It was the first desegregation of a public facility in Atlanta since sit-ins began there last spring.

In Nashville, Tenn., a white Vanderbilt Divinity School student, Malcolm R. Carnaham, was arrested last month, along with two local white youths who attacked him, for helping Negroes stage a sit-in demonstration against local restaurant segregation. Earlier, five Negro students from American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, and a white Florida State University student were arrested during a local sit-in.

Fifty-Two U.S. Professors Support French Intellectuals

A total of 52 U.S. university professors signed a "statement of faith" last month supporting the French intellectuals who, in September, "courageously signed a manifesto against military service in the Algerian war on grounds that it violates conscience." The statement expressed admiration for the group, which includes Jean Paul Sartre, Francoise Sagan, Simone Signoret, Claude Roy, Simone de Beauvoir and others, now facing the sanctions and punitive actions of the state.

Among the signers of the U.S. statement were Paul Tillich, David Riesman, Aldous Huxley, L. Harold De Wolf, and FOR members Paul K. Deats and Allan Knight Chalmers.

Also, a peace work camp in Chasay-Gagny, France, for conscientious objectors and others who protest against France's "dirty war" in Algeria, was formed in October under the auspices of the newly organized Non-Violent Civil Action. The latter, which combines various national peace groups including the French FOR, has also set up work camps on a weekend basis in seven other French cities. All of the camps are seeking to provide relief to Algerians living in France. The NVCA also sent an "Appeal" to the French beliefs and policies.

NEWS from the peace front

The nation's civil defense program as condemned as a "billion dollar boondoggle," and a "grand illusion" by Sen. Stephen M. Young (D.-Ohio) in the December issue of *The Progressive*. The Senator called on the incoming Kennedy Administration to dismantle the wasteful, fantastically muddled "office of Civil and Defense Mobilization" which has been pursuing the "contradictory course" of advocating both evacuation and bomb shelters as safeguards against mass slaughter in the event of nuclear warfare. "What is needed," he said, are "solid, workable international agreements to disarm. We should be considering ways to feed the two-thirds of humanity who go to bed hungry every night rather than telling Americans to store away a two-week supply of food in useless holes in the ground."

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More than 2,000 demonstrators paraded through Glasgow streets on Nov. 19 protesting the newly installed U. S. Polaris submarine base in Holy Loch, Scotland. The group, headed by three Labor members of Parliament from Scottish constituencies, also delivered a resolution to the local City Chambers demanding withdrawal of the base.

In a similar protest in London, over 1,000 persons marched from Trafalgar Square to the U.S. Embassy. The group presented a statement to embassy officials expressing the "deep concern" of British people at the installation of nuclear bomber and Polaris submarine bases in Britain. "We must inform you and ask you to tell your Government," the letter said, "that the people of London cannot accept the position of living in an expendable base."

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Churches of the world were challenged to undertake "a vast program of assistance to areas of acute human need" at a meeting of the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees of the World Council of Churches in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., last month. The Division's administrative committee heard plans for long-range comprehensive projects in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The first such program under the new scheme is the Bengal Refugee Service which is attempting to meet needs in Calcutta, India.

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A letter urging the establishment of an independent agency to formulate plans for nonviolent solutions to world problems was sent to President-elect John F. Kennedy last month by the Somerset Hills, N.J., Monthly Friends Meeting. "We are concerned," the message said, "that there are too few people in our government planning for peaceful transition from an armed to a disarmed world and for the development under the United Nations of a world system of order, justice and freedom." The statement was signed by FOR member Eric C. Hammarstrom, clerk of the meeting, and copies of it were sent to monthly meetings throughout the country.

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Over 100 persons participated in a week-long vigil protesting against the missile race at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona, early this month. The group also joined in a rally at the city's Armory Park and an 8-mile peace walk to the Base gates, prior to the vigil. No arrests were reported.

The project was sponsored by the local Fellowship of Reconciliation and a nearby Friends monthly meeting.

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Financial support for Earle Reynolds and his family, who sailed their boat, *Phoenix*, into the forbidden Pacific nuclear test area in 1958, is needed to help them carry on litigation against the United States Government on the issue of "freedom of the seas." Reynolds himself is awaiting decision on an appeal of a 1959 U.S. court conviction. Contributions should be sent in care of: Mrs. Earle Reynolds, Yacht Phoenix, Eba, Hiroshima.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please allow 4 weeks—supply both old and new address.

LIT NOTES

Essays by six FOR members including former FOR Co-Secretary John M. Swomley Jr. are contained in *Peace and Power,* a new paperback published by the Methodist Division of Peace and World Order. The book, "freshly viewing certain key power problems of a world struggling to maintain peace," is priced at $1 a copy and is available from the Methodist Publishing House, 100 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington 2, D. C.

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The Big Hand in Your Pocket presents facts and figures (and nothing but facts and figures) on the military spending of the U.S. Government. It is an indispensable supplement to moral appeals for disarmament, for which the Friends Committee on National Legislation deserves laurels. Single copy 25¢ from Fellowship Publications, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

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Now available: "What Do the Churches Say on Capital Punishment?", a compilation of numerous official church statements endorsing abolition of the death penalty prepared by the Connecticut Friends Committee on Social Order. Price: 30¢ a copy. Order from CFCSO, 144 S. Quaker Lane, W. Hartford 7, Conn.

MISSING MEMBERS

If you know the whereabouts of any of these missing members, please advise the Membership Secretary, FOR, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

Here are the names, with last-known addresses where available: Clifford H. Becker (Northfield, Ill.); Mr. and Mrs. Alec M. Beesley; Rev. Dale R. Beitte (Columbus, Ohio); Betty Jane Bell (Fort Wayne, Ind.); Beverly Ann Bell (Cam Bridge, Mass.); Mrs. Vernon L. Be (Millville, Mo.); Rev. Victor C. Benc sen; Seattle 8, Wash.); Lewis W. Ben dict (Wilmington, Ohio); Mr. and Mrs Albert J. Benglen (Sacramento, Cal Mr. and Mrs. John Benjamin (Wenonah N.J.); E. Kenneth Bennett (Berkeley Cal.); Mr. and Mrs. John B. Bennett Ruth E. Benton (Hollywood, Cal.).

156 Join Fellowship

Membership in the Fellowship took a decided jump upward last month when 156 new members were added to the rolls. Of these, 101 had been supporters of FOR, or subscribers to FELLOWSHIP, in the past; 55 were new contacts. The new members came from 32 states and the District of Columbia.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 30--Jan. 1. AFSC College Conference on Nonviolence at Frederick & New Windsor, Md. FOR Student Secy Charles Jones, Stewart Meacham, Lawrence Scott. Write: Charles C. Walker, AFSC, 1500 Race St., Phila. 2 Pa.

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